Inspector-General of Education.—It is not possible to open High Schools in both these places at the same time. Government are considering this question and will try to start a High School in one of these two places.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Construction of an *anicut* across Kumudvati near Anjanapur.

Mr. Sangana Basappa, Shikarpur Taluk.

Mr. Sangana Basappa.—In the interests of the development of wet cultivation in the Shikarpur Taluk, an *anicut* may be constructed across the Kumudvati river at Anjanapur. This project is pending disposal for a very long time.

Secretary, Public Works Department.—The report of Mr. H. D. Rice has been received and Government are considering it and arrangements will be made to start the work as soon as the project is approved of by Government.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Irrigational facilities under the Sulekere tank.

Mr. Gowda Halappa, Channagiri Taluk.

Mr. Halappa Gowda.—An acreage contribution was recovered from the ryots of villages holding lands under this tank some 5 or 6 years back and nothing has been done till now. Water is not properly supplied as the channels are in disrepair. Under the present condition, no crops can be raised while no remission of assessment is granted. The difficulties of the poor are enormous.

Mr. Ananthaiya.—Until the repairs are effected, contribution may not be levied.

Dewan.—The levy of contribution cannot be stopped unless the ryots undertake to maintain the channels.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Construction of a Railway from Harnahalli *via* Nyamti and Honnali.

Messrs. Revana Siddaiya and Nagarada Gurulingappa, Honnali Taluk and Settara Channappa, Nyamti Municipality.

Mr. Revana Siddaiya.—Nyamti is an important trade centre and want of a railway there is greatly felt. The question of opening a line from Harnahalli to Harihar *via* Nyamti may be considered.

Dewan.—This question can only be considered after the completion of the Railway works that are now in progress. Men, money and material are not easily available and this work cannot be taken up until after the completion of the work up to Arasalu. We shall, however, consider this proposal after the present Railway programme is completed.

SUBJECT No. 182.

Tramway to Channagiri Town.

Mr. Karidi Anantappa, Channagiri Municipality.

Mr. Karidi Anantappa.—Arrangements may be made to extent the tramway which is now in progress to Channagiri town with a view to facilitate commerce. The town also would be very much developed by this extension. The distance is barely 9 miles.

Dewan.—The expenses for laying out this tramway are very prohibitive at present. This question may be considered only when the line is completed up to Joladahal village.

SUBJECT No. 183.

Improvement to Shimoga Town.

Messrs. A. Ananthiah, Shimoga Taluk; A. Shamanna, Shimoga Municipality and C. Subba Rao, Shimoga District Board.

Mr. C. Subba Rao.—The Shimoga Municipality is trying its level best to improve the Shimoga town in the direction of water supply, drainage etc. Government are aware that the Municipality has taken a loan for these works and the Municipality yet wants more money. We have to pay contribution for the Thirthahalli bridge and as we have no money, we were on the point of issuing a prospectus for raising a loan. In the meantime, the State Loan at 6¼ per cent was advertized and it became impossible for us to raise the proposed loan at 6 per cent. Moreover, the local people have contributed substantially to the State Loan and it is impossible for them to subscribe again for our loan. In these circumstances, Government might give us a loan at 5 per cent, repayable in 25 years. The expenses of the Municipality have increased; their liabilities are still increasing but they are called upon to fulfil urgent needs of the town. The Tirthahalli bridge for which a large part of the loan was wanted is an important work and through this bridge, Kadur and Shimoga districts will be connected and trade will further improve. We may go further and ask Government to give a subvention to the Municipality. The only consideration for this subvention is that, though it is not usual for any municipality to contribute towards a Public Work Department bridge, we are going to do it.

Mr. Ananthiah.—There is likely to be an objection to raising a loan on the score of increased expenses to the municipality without resources. But we have resolved to find other means of increasing our revenue to meet increased demands in various directions.

Dewan.—The matter will be considered on receipt of proposals.

SUBJECT No. 184.

Opening of Telegraph Offices.

Messrs. Revana Siddaiya and Nagarada Gurulingappa, Honnali Taluk; Settara Channappa, Nyamti Municipality; Nadig Bhaskara Rao, Nadig Lakshmana Rao and Nadig Sitharamappa, Sorab Taluk and Sangana Basappa and Nagalingaiya, Shikarpur Taluk.

Mr. Revana Siddaiya.—Early arrangements may be made to open Telegraph Offices at Nyamti, Sorab and Shikarpur. This was promised last year.

Dewan.—The Telegraph Department has been addressed in the matter and they are agreeable to open a few more Telegraph Offices in the State. In that connection, your representation will also be considered.